

**In the Claims:**

1. (Previously Amended) A heat-sensitive stencil sheet, which comprises a laminate of a thermoplastic resin film and a fiber-containing porous substrate, said stencil sheet satisfying  $0.150 \leq T-H$  wherein T means an arithmetic average value ( $g \cdot cm/cm$ ) of absolute values of KES bending torque in lengthwise direction of the stencil sheet at curvatures of +2.3 and -2.3 ( $cm^{-1}$ ), H means a bending hysteresis ( $g \cdot cm/cm$ ), and T-H means a residual torque ( $g \cdot cm/cm$ ).
2. (Previously Canceled)
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4. (Previously Added) A heat-sensitive stencil sheet according to claim 1, wherein said heat-sensitive stencil sheets has a KES bending rigidity value B per unit length of  $0.02\text{ gf cm}^2/cm$  or more.
5. (Previously Added) A heat-sensitive stencil sheet according to claim 4, wherein said value B is in a cross-wise direction with respect to said heat-sensitive stencil sheet.
6. (Previously Added) A heat-sensitive stencil sheet according to claim 4, wherein said value B is in the length wise direction of said heat-sensitive stencil sheet.
7. (Previously Added) A heat-sensitive stencil sheet according to claim 1, wherein the tensile strength in the lengthwise direction is  $0.3\text{ kgf/cm}$  or more.
8. (Previously Added) A heat-sensitive stencil sheet according to claim 4, wherein the tensile strength in the lengthwise direction is  $0.3\text{ kgf/cm}$  or more.

9. (Previously Added) A heat-sensitive stencil sheet according to claim 1, wherein said porous substrate comprises synthetic fibers.

10. (Previously Added) A heat-sensitive stencil sheet according to claim 1, wherein said porous substrate is mainly composed of synthetic fibers.

11. (New) A heat-sensitive stencil sheet according to claim 1, wherein a release agent is provided on a surface of said thermoplastic film which is not laminated to said substrate.

12. (New) A stencil printing method having reduced incidence of stencil sheets jamming in a stencil printing apparatus that includes a printing drum, and essentially avoiding creasing a heat-sensitive stencil sheet on said printing drum during stencil printing, said method comprising

providing a heat-sensitive stencil sheet comprising a laminate of a thermoplastic resin film and a fiber-containing porous substrate, wherein the provided heat-sensitive stencil sheet is selected so as to satisfy  $0.150 \leq T-H$  wherein T means an arithmetic average value ( $g \cdot cm/cm$ ) of absolute values of KES bending torque in lengthwise direction of the stencil sheet at curvatures of  $+2.3$  and  $-2.3$  ( $cm^{-1}$ ), H means a bending hysteresis ( $g \cdot cm/cm$ ), and T-H means a residual torque ( $g \cdot cm/cm$ );

feeding said heat-sensitive stencil sheet to said stencil printing apparatus; and

conducting stencil printing using said apparatus, wherein during stencil printing creasing said heat-sensitive stencil sheet when winding or holding same on said printing drum is at least essentially avoided.